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Re:

U.S. Patent Application

Appl. No. 09/938,857; Filed: August 27, 2001

**Connector Assembly Having Visual Indicator** 

Inventors:

Joe D. Norwood et al.

Our Ref:

2048.0030000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;

2. An Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;

3. A Request to Approve Proposed Drawing Corrections (with marked-up copy of Figure 2);

An Information Disclosure Statement; 4.

5. Form PTO-1449 with (1) accompanying document;

6. A return post card; and

7. Our Check No. <u>34740</u> for \$ 180.00 to cover: \$ 180.00 for late filing of Information Disclosure Statement.

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|  |                             | 130              | 139         | 130         |  | Non-English specification          |                 |  |
| Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27   |                             | 2,520            | 147         | 2,520       | For filing a request for   | or <i>ex parte</i> reexami         | ination Control |  |
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|  |                             | 130              | 122         | 130         | Petitions to the Com   |                                    |                 |  |
| EXTRA CLAIM FEES     Fee from     Extra below Fee Paid   | 123                         | 130              | 123         | 130         | Petitions related to provisional applications                              |                                    | ons             |  |
| Total Claims16 - 20** =0 X\$18.00 =\$0.00  | 126                         | 180              | 126         | 180         | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt \$180.00                         |                                    |                 |  |
| Indep. Claims 2-3** = 0 X \$84.00 = \$0.00   | 581                         | 40               | 481         | 40          | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |                                    |                 |  |
| Multiple Dependent \$280.00 = \$0,00   | 146                         | 740              | 246         | 370         | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |                                    |                 |  |
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